

A RESEARCH GUIDE  
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THE BUILDING OF THE  
**Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road**  
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1.

Date: March 6, 1833

Newspaper: *The People's Press*

Article Title: Railroads and Ruin (editorial)

Places mentioned: Petersburg, VA; Fayetteville, NC; Wilmington, NC.

People mentioned: none

Other railroads mentioned: Petersburg Rail Road

Topic: Commerce

Author: 'T'

Summary: Author 'T' questions plan by NC legislature to accept a proposal by the Petersburg Railroad to extend its railroad into NC.

2.

Date: June 19, 1833

Newspaper: *The Peoples Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Road to Raleigh  
(incomplete)

3.

Date: June 26, 1833.

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Internal Improvements

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; New Hanover County, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Construction of railroad between Wilmington and Raleigh.

Summary: A report of a meeting of the citizens of Wilmington and New Hanover County where resolutions are adopted: 1) That the citizens of Wilmington pledge to co-operate with those of Raleigh in building a railroad between the two towns; 2) That local delegates be instructed to protest any plan of internal improvement that may divert the resources and trade of NC into adjoining states.

1.

March 26, 1834.

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: An Act to Incorporate the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

NC General Assembly

People mentioned: Edward B. Dudley, P. K. Dickinson, Robert H. Cowan, Aaron Lazarus, James Owen, William B. Meares, William P. Hurt, Alexander McRae, and James S. Green.

Topic: Incorporation of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company.

Summary: Report of the Act by the North Carolina General Assembly to incorporate the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad Company.

2.

Date: May 14, 1834.

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Internal Improvement

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Beaufort, NC; Petersburg, VA; Norfolk, VA;

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Editorial defending capabilities of shipping vessels based in Wilmington. Editorial also opposes extension of Petersburg Railroad into NC, suggesting instead that the first railroad built in NC should be extended to a NC port.

3.

May 21, 1834.

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Fayetteville Rail Road

Places mentioned: Fayetteville, NC

People mentioned: none

Locations mentioned: Haymount, Person and Hay Streets, Clarendon Bridge.

Topic: Railroad Construction

Summary: Report on start of construction of two-mile long railroad within the city of Fayetteville, NC. (Copy of article from *Fayetteville Observer*.)

4.

October 15, 1834

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Internal Improvement

Places mentioned: Darlington (SC) Court House; Waccamaw Lake, NC; Cheraw (Chatham), SC; Elizabeth Town, NC; Chesterfield, SC; Marlborough, SC; Marion, SC;

Wilmington, NC; Whiteville, NC, Society Hill, SC; Sumter SC; Charleston, SC; Lumberton, NC; Cashua Ferry, SC; Georgetown, SC; Lancaster, SC; Kershaw SC; Williamsburg, SC; Virginia; Hudson River; Delaware River;

Chesapeake Bay; Fair Bluff, NC; Fayetteville, NC; Anson, NC

People mentioned: Dr. Hort, Leut. White

Other railroads mentioned: Whiteville, Waccamaw, & Cape Fear Canal and Rail Road Company

Author: "Agricola"

Topic: Selection of railroad route

Summary: Editorial advocating Wilmington, NC as terminus for railroad from Darlington, SC.

5.

December 4, 1834.

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: To the Editor of the Cape Fear Recorder

Places mentioned: Rockingham, NC; Wilmington, NC; South Carolina; Chatham (Cheraw), SC; Elizabethtown, NC; Darlington, SC; Lumberton, NC; Virginia; Georgia

Geographic features mentioned: Pee Dee River, Cape Fear River, and Narrows of the Yadkin (River)

People mentioned: Mr. Fulton

Author: "Agricola"

Topic: Transportation, Commerce

Summary: Editorial advocating connecting the Pee Dee River and Cape Fear River by railroad rather than by canal.

This editorial first appeared in the *Cape Fear Recorder* in February or March of 1820.

1.

December 4, 1835.

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Internal Improvements

Places mentioned: New Orleans, LA; Nashville, TN; Charleston, SC; Cincinnati, OH; Boston, MA; Hudson, NY; Troy, NY; Ballistown Spa, NY; Utica, NY; Schenectady, NY; Norwich, CT; Worcester, MA; Portsmouth, VA; Roanoke, VA; Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

Geographic Features mentioned: Hudson River

Other railroads mentioned: Utica and Schenectady, Portsmouth and Roanoke

Topic: Proposed US rail lines.

Summary: Editorial listing US rail lines that are proposed and under construction, and championing the construction of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

2.

December 11, 1835

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Weldon, NC; Charleston, NC

Topic: Selection of railroad route.

Summary: This article is concerned with a connection to Charleston, SC, and the Wilmington to Weldon connection.

3.

December 23, 1835

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Railroad

Places mentioned: Red Bluff, NC; Charleston, SC

Geographic features mentioned: Waccamaw River

Topic: Railroad route

Summary: Article concerned with a connection of the railroad to Red Bluff on the Waccamaw River and from there to Charleston by steamboat.

1.

March 4, 1836

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: none

Places mentioned: none

People mentioned: none

Topic: Rail road stockholders meeting

Summary: Announcement of upcoming meeting of the Stockholders of the Rail Road.

2.

March 11, 1836

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: The Rail Road

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Tarborough, NC; Pitts X Roads, NC; Dempsey Bryan's; Stantonsburg, NC; Nash, NC; Edgecombe County, NC;

People mentioned: Dempsey Bryan

Other railroads mentioned: Raleigh and Gaston

Topic: Sale of railroad stock

Summary: This article reports Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad stock subscriptions sold to date, in various locations.

3.

March 11, 1836.

Newspaper: *The Peoples Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Notice

Places mentioned: Norfolk, VA; Charleston, SC, Wilmington, NC; Roanoke, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Feasibility of railroad

Summary: Editorial commenting on article extolling the feasibility of successfully constructing a railroad from Norfolk to Charleston, via Wilmington.

4.

April 22, 1836

Newspaper: *The Peoples Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: The Rail Road

Places mentioned: none

Geographical features mentioned: The River (N. E. Cape Fear)

People mentioned: Maj. Gwynn (Principal Engineer)

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Report on route survey and determination of river crossing point.

5.

April 25, 1836

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Norfolk, VA; Portsmouth, VA; Halifax, NC; Nashville, NC; Tarborough, NC; Pitts X-roads, NC; Waynesborough, NC; Lenoir, NC; Kenansville, NC

People mentioned: James S. Green, Thomas Newton, Myer Myers, Robert Soutter, John Aldman, Henry B. Woodis, Arthur Emmerson, Mordecai Cook, John Cocke, George Blorr, Stephen Cowley, Andrew Joyner, James Halliday, B. F. Moore, J. S. Battle, Henry Blount, Bennet Bunn, Theophilus Parker, Louis D. Wilson, Spencer Cotton, Phesanton

S. Sugg, Benjamin Sharpe, Joab P. Pitt, Richard Washington, S. A. Andrews, John Wright, William D. Mosely, J. B. Whitfield, Jesse Lassetter, Nicholas Hall, J. T. Rhodes, O. L. Kelly, Edward B. Dudley

Topic: Sale of railroad stock.

Summary: Announcement dated March 25, 1836, advertising the sale of 2000 shares of the capital stock of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company. The article lists the agents at various locations where subscriptions can be purchased.

6.

July 5, 1836

Newspaper: *The People's Press and Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road

Places mentioned: Waynesboro', NC; Halifax, NC, Goshen (Swamp) Creek, NC, Rockfort, NC; Tarborough, NC

Geographic features mentioned: N. E. (Cape Fear) River, Long Creek, Neuse River

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Report stating that engineers had completed survey of several sections of the proposed Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad route.

1.

January 26, 1837

Newspaper: *Fayetteville Observer (copied from Wilmington Advertiser)*

Article Title: Our Rail Road

Places mentioned: Waynesboro, NC; Halifax, NC; Weldon, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Report on progress of railroad construction to date.

2.

February 9, 1837

Newspaper: *Fayetteville Observer (copied from Wilmington Advertiser)*

Article Title: Our Rail Road

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; eastern North Carolina;

People mentioned: none

Topic: Sale of Railroad stock

Summary: Editorial appealing to citizens of North Carolina to invest in the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

3.

April 14, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Notice

Places mentioned: none

People mentioned: J. Cassidy

Topic: Construction of horse drawn railway

Summary: Report that J. Cassidy is erecting a horse drawn railway.

4.

April 14, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Notice

Places mentioned: Rowan, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad meetings

Summary: Report that several railroad meetings have recently been held in Rowan, NC.

5.

April 18, 1837

Newspaper: *Fayetteville Observer*

Article Title: Our Railroad

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Report announcing the arrival of an additional locomotive for the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

Laying of rails has begun and over 1200 workers are engaged. Includes editorial comments questioning the delay in construction of passenger facilities.

6.

April 26, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Notice

Places mentioned: none

Geographic features mentioned: North East (Cape Fear) River

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction

Summary: Employment advertisement for carpenters and a female cook for railroad construction.

7.

May 5, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Rail Road Meeting

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Halifax, NC; Enfield, NC; Contentnea (Creek); Charleston, SC;

Weldon, NC; Petersburg, VA; Portsmouth, VA; Roanoke, VA; Eastern shore of Maryland

People mentioned: Governor Edward B. Dudley, James T. Miller, John G. Elliot, Dr. Thomas H. Wright, P. K.

Dickinson, Gen. James Owen, A. Lazarus, W. B. Meares, R. H. Cowan, A. Anderson, Dr. F. J. Hill, Major Gwynn,

Other railroads mentioned: Petersburg; Portsmouth and Roanoke, Eastern shore of Maryland;

Political bodies mentioned: NC Legislature 1836,

Topic: May 1<sup>st</sup> 1837 meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road

Summary: Report of stockholders meeting. Includes report on construction progress, details concerning stock transference and dividend payouts, investment by the state, and election of president and directors.

8.

June 9, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Pro Bono Publico

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

Geographic features mentioned: North Carolina Capes

People mentioned: Major Gwynn

Topic: Rail travel

Summary: Editorial promoting Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road, and safety and comfort of rail travel.

9.

August 18, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Our Railroad

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Roanoke River; Portsmouth, VA

People mentioned: none

Other railroads mentioned: Portsmouth Road

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Editorial promoting Wilmington and Raleigh (Roanoke) Railroad's progress and likelihood of success.

10.

September, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Land for Sale

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

Geographic features mentioned: North East (Cape Fear) River

People mentioned: David Thally

Author: David Thally

Topic: Real estate advertisement

Summary: Oak Plantation for sale. Property is divided in two by the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

11.

November 10, 1837

Newspaper: *Wilmington Advertiser*

Article Title: Progress of the W. and R. R. Road and the Norfolk Card

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Norfolk, VA; Halifax, NC; Charleston, SC

Geographic features mentioned: North East Cape (Fear) River

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress.

Summary: Update on construction progress, including completion of the bridge over the North East Cape Fear River. Also includes an anecdote concerning a complaint from some stage passengers traveling from Norfolk to Wilmington to catch a steamer to Charleston.

1.

January 5, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Stockholders

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: J. S. Greene

Topic: Railroad finance

Summary: Notice that a special collector will be sent out for the purpose of collecting installments due on stock purchases.

2.

January 5, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Wilmington Railroad, and Petersburg Railroad

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Blakely, NC; Petersburg, VA; Richmond, VA; Washington, DC; Baltimore, MD

People mentioned: none

Topic: Train schedules

Summary: Schedule of Petersburg trains connecting with the W. & R. R. R.

3.

January 12, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: The Locomotive & Train

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Train schedule

Summary: Notice that a train will depart from the Wilmington depot at 11:00 a.m., every day except Sunday and Tuesday.

4.

January 19, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Negroes Wanted

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: David Thally, Mr. C. B. Miller

Topic: Railroad construction:

Summary: Advertisement placed by Mr. David Thally, for black workers to cut wood on his property. Mr. Thally has a contract to provide wood to the railroad.

Author: Mr. Thally

5.

March 2, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: A Further Opening of the Railroad

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Armstrong's (Farm), Pender County, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction

Summary: Article announces that the railroad is in operation from Wilmington to Armstrong's, which is twenty miles away.

6.

March 2, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Cardiff, Wales

People mentioned: none

Summary: Ship arrives at Wilmington with a load of iron from Cardiff, Wales, for the Wilmington and Roanoke Railroad Company.

6.

March 2, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: A Rail Road from Wilmington to the Waccamaw River

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Charleston, SC;

Geographic features mentioned: Waccamaw River, Winyaw Bay, Red Bluff

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad's route

Summary: Editorial advocating railroad from Wilmington to the Waccamaw River for a connection to Charleston by steamboat.

7.

March 9, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: None

Topic: Train Schedule

Summary: Notice that the train departure time from the Wilmington and Roanoke Rail Road depot has been changed from eleven A. M. to half past nine.

8.

April 6, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser (from the North Carolina Standard)*

Article title: Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Teachy's (Teachey), NC; Limestone, NC; Duplin Old Courthouse, NC; Weldon, NC; Enfield, NC

Geographic Features mentioned: Rockfish Creek

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Article reports currently completed stages of the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad. Also included is the positive comments of a traveler, and a report on the state of stockholder investment.

9.

May 4, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Our Railroad

Places mentioned: Halifax, NC; Wilmington, NC; South Washington, NC; Washington, DC; New York, NY; Charleston, SC;

Geographic features mentioned: Burgaw Swamp

People mentioned: Gov. Edward B. Dudley

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Report on construction progress to date. The article also announces the impending completion of the steamboat "Governor Dudley", and reports on the commerce currently under way on the railroad.

10.

May 18, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Train schedule

Summary: Announcement that the train departure time from the Wilmington and Raleigh Depot has been changed from half past nine, AM to half past eight AM.

11.

May 18, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Proceedings of the Second Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Halifax, NC; Edgecomb, NC; Enfield, NC; Tarborough, NC; Stantonburg, NC; Rockymount (Rocky Mount), NC; Waynesboro, NC; Weldon, NC

Geographic features mentioned: Neuse River, Waccamaw River, Tar River

People mentioned: Governor Edward B. Dudley, Col. Andrew Joyner, H. W. Husted, John McRae, Thomas H. Wright, Col. Andrew Joyner, Gen. James Owen, William B. Meares, Mr. John Wright, Col. Sharp, Col. Whitaker, Joab Pitt, Dr. Bellamy, A. J. Battle, Richard Washington, Joshua Watson, James S. Battle, Dr. F. J. Hill, Robert H. Cowan, William D. Moseley, Alexander Anderson, A. Lazarus, P. K. Dickinson, E. P. Hall, James Cassidy, J. DeRossett, H. R. Sasave, O. G. Parsley, John Webster, William A. Williams, Alfred Bryant, William C. Lord,

Topic: Second Annual Stockholders Meeting

Summary: Report of second annual stockholders meeting held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838. Includes President' Report. (Article was incomplete)

12.

June 22, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Railroad Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad finance

Summary: Notice that the W. & R. R. R. will advertise for sale, the shares of all delinquent stockholders.

13.

August 10, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Vessels mentioned: Steamer "The Governor Dudley"

Topic: Public's acceptance and utilization of the W. & R. R. R.

Summary: A report that more passengers are applying for passage on the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road than can be accommodated.

14.

October 19, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: New mail route to Fayetteville

Places mentioned: Fayetteville, NC; Wilmington, NC; "Duplin Old Court House", Duplin County, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Article describes new mail route to Fayetteville which is carried by the Wilmington and Raleigh railroad as far as "Duplin Old Court House", and the rest of the way by horse drawn coaches.

15.

October 19, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: New York; Wilmington, NC; Charleston, SC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Steamer North Carolina

Summary: Announcement stating that the steamer North Carolina had returned to serviced after being overhauled in New York.

16.

October 19, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Mooresville, NC; Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic:

Summary: Report of an arson attempt at the Mooresville depot of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

17.

October 19, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Halifax, NC; Enfield, NC; Goshen NC (Faison's Depot) Weldon, NC; Charleston, SC

Geographic features mentioned: Roanoke River

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: An update on construction progress of the Wilmington and Halifax (Raleigh) Railroad.

18.

October 19, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Charleston, SC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Steam Boats

Summary: Announcement that the steam boats of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road now make four trips per week from Wilmington to Charleston.

19.

November 9, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad finance

Summary: Announcement that private stockholders of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company had paid the 75 percent funding necessary for the State of North Carolina to contribute the remaining 25 percent.

20.

December 21, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: Governor Edward B. Dudley

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Editorial praising the progress of construction of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road and predicting its completion during the coming year.

21.

December 21, 1838

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Staging Reduced and the Comfort of Travelers Advanced

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Faison, NC; Martin, NC; Waynesboro, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Report that an additional 12 miles of the Wilmington and Raleigh railroad, between Faison's and Martin's, was now in operation.

1.

January 4, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser* (from *Charleston Patriot*)

Article title: Speed of the Mail

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Petersburg, VA; Charleston, SC; Weldon, NC; New York, NY; Augusta, GA

People mentioned: none

Other railroads mentioned: Charleston and Hamburg

Topic: Postal Service

Summary: Report that the Post Master General has accepting the proposal of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road's proposal to carry mail along its route.

2.

January 4, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Charleston, SC;

People mentioned: none

Topic: Steam Boats

Summary: Report that the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road's new steamer C. Vanderbilt, had been delivered and had started service between Wilmington and Charleston.

3.

January 11, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Our Town, Our Condition, Our Prospects

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Weldon, NC; Charleston, SC; Waynesborough, NC, New York, NY, Philadelphia, PA; Wilmington, DE; Baltimore, MD;

People mentioned: none

Other firms mentioned: Baldwin Locomotive Works; Norris Locomotive Works; Betts, Pusey & Harlan (passenger cars)

Topic: The Railroad and Wilmington's economy

Summary: Editorial extolling the effect of the Railroad on Wilmington's economy.

4.

February 11, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Produce

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Philadelphia, PA

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Report that produce has accumulated at depots faster than the Railroad can transport it. The Railroad is reportedly making efforts to increase capacity.

5.

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Report that vast quantities of produce still linger at the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road' depots, but that the company will have it all delivered to markets within 3 weeks.

6.

March 1, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: Governor Edward B. Dudley

Topic: Governor Edward B. Dudley

Summary: Report that Governor Dudley arrived in Wilmington on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and will remain there for several weeks.

7.

March 1, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: New York, NY; Charleston, SC; Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce, competition

Summary: Editorial criticizing suggestions that a steam ship be built to carry passengers between New York and Charleston, thus competing with the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

8.

March 1, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Editorial expressing pride at seeing long trains of heavily loaded freight cars arriving regularly at the Wilmington depot.

9.

March 8, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Waynesborough Festival

Places mentioned: Waynesborough, NC; Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Norfolk, VA; Portsmouth, VA

Geographic features mentioned: Neuse River

People mentioned: Capt Gifford, Gen. James B. Whitfield, Mr. Churchill (hotel operator), William H. Washington, Esq., George Washington, Joshua G. Wright, Esq., Major George W. Collier, Dr. Hall, W. S. G. Andrews, William Hall, Dr. J. O. Watson, Col. E. Slocomb, Col. James Wright, Col. Thomas Wright, Sampson Lane, Esq., Dr. W. H. Buffalo, Gen. Nicholson Washington, Willis Hall, Esq., Dr. Andrews, James Griswold, Esq., Martin Stevenson, Esq., Major J. C. Slocomb, Gov. Edward B. Dudley,

Topic: Railroad celebrations

Summary: Detailed report of the Waynesborough Festival, a celebration of the completion of the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad to Waynesborough, and the first steam navigation of the Neuse River.

10.

May 10, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Stockholders meeting

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Waynesborough, NC; Halifax, NC;

People mentioned: Col. Andrew Joyner, Mr. Green, Mr. Griswold, Dr. John Hill

Topic: Third annual stockholders meeting

Summary: An announcement that the third annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road was held in Halifax. No reports are including in this article. The decision to borrow \$300,000 to complete the railroad is mentioned.

11.

May 10, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Steam Boat Collision

Places mentioned: Charleston, SC; Georgetown, SC;

People mentioned: Capt. Chase (Steamer Southerner)

Topic: Steamboat collision

Summary: Report of a collision between the steamer Vanderbilt and the steamer North Carolina, both operated by the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

12.

May 10, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: none

People mentioned: none

Topic: Steamboat collision

Summary: Report that the captains of the steamers Vanderbilt and North Carolina, are both suspended pending the outcome of the investigation of the collision.

13.

May 10, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Raleigh and Gaston Road

Places mentioned: Raleigh, NC

Geographic features mentioned: Crabtree Creek

Topic: Raleigh and Gaston Railroad

Summary: Report of construction progress of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad.

14.

May 17, 1839.

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: The action of the Directory of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Co. on the Case of the Late Collision

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Charleston, NC

People mentioned: Capt. Davis

Topic: Steamboat collision

Summary: Report of the investigation of the collision between the steamers Vanderbilt and North Carolina.

15.

May 17, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Baltimore, MD; Weldon, NC; Wilmington, NC; Charleston, SC

People mentioned: none

Other transportation companies mentioned: Chesapeake Bay Steamboats, Portsmouth and Roanoke Railroad

Topic: Competition

Summary: Advertisement promoting the safety, comfort and efficiency of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Railroad, which provided through service from Baltimore to Charleston via the Chesapeake Bay Steamboats and the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

16.

May 17, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Wilmington & Raleigh R. Road Bonds in London

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; London, England

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad finance

Summary: The price of Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road bonds on the London exchange.

17.

May 17, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC, Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Announcement that the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road will be opening two more sections of the road about July 1, 1839.

18.

May 17, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Third Annual Meeting of The Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Waynesborough, NC; Halifax, NC; Charleston, SC; Waccamaw, NC

People mentioned: Willis Hall, Esq., Col. Andrew Joyner, James Griswold, John A. Green, James T. Miller, William A. Williams, James Gordon, Dr. John Hill, Gen. James Owen, Mr Alston, Mr. Waterman, Gov. D. L. Swain, Capt. Dimock, Gov. Edward B. Dudley, Aaron Lazarus, A. Anderson, James S. Battle, John Wright, Gen. N. Washington, Col. Sharp, C. C. Battle, William B. Meares, P. K. Dickinson, Robert H. Cowan, Thomas H. Wright, E. P. Hall, James Cassidy, Richard Washington, Dr. James Hicks, John McRae, S. A. Andrews, Willis Hall, Arnold Bordon, J. W. S. West, John Everett, Sel'e Pope, James Anderson, John P. Brown, Sam'l A. Andrews, Alfred Bryant, H. R. Savage, O. G. Parsley,

Other railroads mentioned: Charleston, Georgetown and All-Saints R. R.

Topic: 1839 Stockholders Meeting

Summary: Publication of the proceedings of the Third Annual Meeting of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

19.

May 17, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Charleston, Georgetown and All Saints Railroad Company  
Places mentioned: Charleston, SC; Georgetown, SC;  
People mentioned: E. B. Rothmahler, J. W. Coachman, John Alexander Keith  
Topic: Charleston, Georgetown and All Saints Railroad Company  
Summary: Advertisement for sale of stock shares for the above railroad company.

20.

June 14, 1839  
Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*  
Article title: Skill of Baltimore and New York Mechanics  
Places mentioned: Baltimore, MD; New York, NY; Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC, Charleston, SC,  
People mentioned: Langley B. Culley,  
Other firms mentioned: Watchman & Bratt, T. Morris & Son,  
Topic: Steamers of the W. & R. R. R.  
Summary: The article describes the construction of the newly launched steamer "Wilmington".

21.

June 14, 1839  
Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*  
Article title: Error  
Places mentioned: Charleston, SC; Petersburg, VA; Richmond, VA; Wilmington, NC  
People mentioned: none  
Topic: Fares  
Summary: Article correcting an advertisement in the *Charleston Courier* for the fare from Charleston to Wilmington.

22.

August 23, 1839  
Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*  
Article title: Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road  
Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Weldon, NC  
People mentioned: none  
Topic: Railroad construction progress  
Summary: Report that 21 more miles of the W. & R. R. R. have been opened during the last two weeks, leaving 37 more miles to be finished.

23.

September 23, 1839  
Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*  
Article title: Steamboat Wilmington  
Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Baltimore, MD; Charleston, SC; Smithville, NC; Halifax, NC  
People mentioned: Lyford Price Current, Capt. Ivey, Langley B. Cully  
Other firms mentioned: Watchman & Bratt, Raub,  
Steamer's mentioned: Wilmington, Gov. Dudley, North Carolina, C. Vanderbilt  
Topic: Steamer's of the W. & R. R. R.  
Summary: Detailed article about the W. & R. R. R's new steamer "Wilmington".

24.

September 27, 1839  
Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser* (from *The Wilmington Chronicle*)  
Article title: untitled  
Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Report of freight trains arriving and departing Wilmington with produce and merchandise.

25.

September 27, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; London, England

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad finance

Summary: Quote of price of W. & R. R. R. bonds on the London exchange.

26.

October 4, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Wilmington as a Market

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Newbern, NC; Stauntonburg, NC; Charleston, SC, Norfolk, VA; Petersburg, VA; Richmond, VA; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Liverpool, England

Geographic features mentioned: Roanoke River, West Indies

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Editorial promoting Wilmington as a trade center. The article list shipping destinations and products shipped through Wilmington.

27.

October 4, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Extension of Rail Road

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction progress

Summary: Report that another section of the W. & R. R. R. has been opened.

28.

October 4, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: Mr. Emmons

Topic: Railroad hotel

Summary: Report that a Mr. Emmons has purchased lots on Front Street next to the W. & R. R. R. depot, in order to build a hotel.

29.

October 11, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article titled: Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad.

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; New York, NY, England

People mentioned: none

Other railroads mentioned: Raleigh & Gaston

Firms mentioned: Norris

Vessels mentioned: Oberlin

Topic: Railroad construction

Summary: Report that ship Oberlin has arrived in New York from England with iron for the W. & R. R. R.. The article also reports the purchase of a new locomotive from Norris.

30.

October 11, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser* (includes quote from the *Norfolk Herald*)

Article title: Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Charleston, SC; Norfolk, VA; Portsmouth, VA; Baltimore, MD

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad's impact, Mail

Summary: Editorial praising the operation of the W. & R. R. R. and increase in the speed of mail delivery.

31.

November 1, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: The Transportation of Merchandise, via Wilmington, N.C.

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Johnston, Wayne, Lenoir & Wake Counties, NC; Fayetteville, NC; Petersburg, VA; Georgetown, SC; Cheraw, SC; New York, NY; Salisbury, NC; Rowan County, NC; Philadelphia, PA;

Geographic features mentioned: Cape Fear River, Atlantic Ocean, West Indies

Topic: Commerce, Railroad's Impact

Summary: Editorial promoting Wilmington as a trade center.

Author: "Q."

32.

November 1, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: Gov. Edward B. Dudley

Topic: Edward B. Dudley

Summary: Report that Gov. Dudley left Wilmington for Raleigh on the train.

33.

November 1, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Travel on the W. & R. Road

Places mentioned: none

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad utilization

Summary: Report that 83 passengers were on the previous day's train.

34.

November 8, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Fourth Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad Company

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Waynesboro' NC; Weldon, NC; Savannah, GA; Brunswick, GA

People mentioned: B. F. Moore, Dr. S. B. Everett, James T. Miller, Dr. John Hill, Gen. James Owen, Maj. Walter Gwynn, J. T. Phillips, J. W. Wright, Willis Hall, Joshua Watson, S. L. Hart, Richard Harrison, Alexander Anderson, A. Lazarus, P. K. Dickinson, R. H. Cowan, William B. Meares, T. H. Wright

Topic: Stockholder meetings

Summary: Report of the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad Company.

35.

November 15, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Report to the Stockholders of the Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad Company

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC;

People mentioned: The Chevalier de Gerstner, James Owen

Topic: Railroad finances

Summary: Presidents report to the stockholders of the W. & R. R. R.

36.

December 6, 1839

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Cont.

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Charleston, SC

People mentioned: Gov. Edward B. Dudley, Rev. Simeon Colton, H. L. Holmes, Mr. Henry, W. Winslow, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Strange, Mr. Gillis, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Dobbin, W. B. Wright, J. McRae, Mr. Eccles, Gov. Swain, Gen. Owen

Topic: Stockholder's meeting

Summary: Continuation of the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the W. & R. R. R. Company.

1.

January 3, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Battle's Depot, NC; Weldon, NC;

Geographic features mentioned: Tar River

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad construction

Summary: Description of W. & R. R. R. route including distance completed, amount of straight track, amount of curved track, and gradient.

2.

April 15, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Weekly Chronicle*

Article title: The Celebration

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC;

People mentioned: Gen. A. McRae, Maj. R. E. Brown, Gen. Owen

Topic: Railroad celebration

Summary: Report of the celebration of the completion of the W. & R. R. R.

3.

May 14, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Memoranda of Charges at Wilmington, N. C. -On Forwarding Goods to Interior

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

Geographic features mentioned: Roanoke River

People mentioned: none

Topic: Commerce

Summary: Percentage rate of charges for transporting and handling goods and produce at Wilmington.

4.

May 14, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad policies

Summary: Notice that no article will be received for transportation on the W. & R. R. R. until the freight has been paid.

Author: L. L. H. Saunders, Agent Transportation

5.

May 14, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: Office Wilmington & Raleigh R. R. Co., December 17, 1839

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad finance

Summary: Notice of resolution to file suit against delinquent stockholders who had not paid their stock subscriptions by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

6.

May 14, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Charleston, SC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Train schedules

Summary: Notice that the mail and passenger train departs the (Wilmington) depot at 8am every day.

7.

May 14, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Advertiser*

Article title: untitled

Places mentioned: Weldon, NC; Goldsborough, NC; Warsaw, NC, Wilmington, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad celebration

Summary: Notice (old?) of the schedule for a train to take stockholders to Wilmington for the celebration of the completion of the W. & R. R. R.

8.

August 19, 1840

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Weekly Chronicle*

Article title: Traveler's Story

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC, Weldon, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Passenger's experiences

Summary: Passenger's account of his journey on the W. & R. R. R from Wilmington to Weldon. Includes complaint about the Wilmington depot.

9.

November 9, 1840

Newspaper:

Article title: Fifth Annual Report of the President and Directors of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company:

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC, Raleigh, NC; New Orleans, LA; Nash and Edgecombe counties, NC, Weldon, NC; Gary's, NC;

Geographic features mentioned: Alabama River, Gulf of Mexico, Roanoke River

Other railroad's mentioned: Petersburg and Portsmouth

People mentioned: James Owen

Topic: Railroad finance

Summary: 1840 Report of the President and Directors of the W. & R. R. R.

1.

May 26, 1841

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Chronicle* (from *Fayetteville Observer*)

Article title: Wilmington

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Warsaw, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: Railroad's impact

Summary: Visitors report of the improvement in the appearance and prosperity of Wilmington since the completion of the W. & R. R. R.

2.

July 28, 1841

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Weekly Chronicle*

Article title: Notice

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Leechville, NC

People mentioned: C. W. Hause

Topic: W. & R. R. R. Stages

Summary: Statement by C. W. Hause of Leechville, NC, (that he had paid for stages and harnesses purchased from the W. & R. R. R.)

Author: C. W. Hause

3.

December 1, 1841

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Chronicle*

Article title: A snow storm

Places mentioned: Warsaw, NC

People mentioned: none

Topic: weather, interruptions of rail service

Summary: Report of a snow storm that halted operation of the W. & R. R. R north of Warsaw, NC.

4.

December 1, 1841

Newspaper: *The Wilmington Chronicle*

Article title: Proceedings of the Stockholders of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Company, Sixth Annual Meeting

Places mentioned: Wilmington, NC; Raleigh, NC; Wayne County, NC; Edgecombe, NC; Halifax, NC; New Hanover County, NC; New York, NY; New Orleans, LA; Brunswick County, NC; Charleston, SC; Georgetown, SC; Augusta, GA; Savannah, GA; Portsmouth, VA; Petersburg, VA; Gary's, NC; Richmond, VA; Fredericksburg, VA; Annapolis, MD; Baltimore, MD; Washington City (DC); Montgomery, AL; Philadelphia, PA; Columbia, SC; Mobile, AL;

Geographic features mentioned: Alabama River, Roanoke River, Chesapeake Bay,

People mentioned: Dr. F. J. Hill, James Griswold, John McRae, Gov. Edward B. Dudley, Gov. John M. Morehead, Dr. A. J. DeRossett, Jr., W. A. Wright, Charles H. Brogden, James T. Miller, J. J. Phillips, John Wright, M. T. Ferrall, H. Nutt, John Hill, William A. Wright, Capt. Samuel Potter, Gen. James Owen, A. J. Battle, Alexander Anderson, P. K. Dickinson, R. H. Cowan, Thomas H. Wright, B. F. Moore, O. G. Parsley, Major Gwynn, C. Vanderbilt,

Other railroads mentioned: Portsmouth and Petersburg, Richmond and Fredericksburg, Baltimore and Washington City, Charleston and Hamburg

Topic: Railroad finance, stockholders annual meetings

Summary: Report of the proceedings of the 1841 (Sixth) annual meeting of the stockholders of the W. & R. R. R. Includes President and Directors report.